

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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Robert Nagby Superior Court Commissioner Superior Court of California County of Riverside 30755-D Auld Road, Suite 1226 Murrieta, CA 92563

Commissioner Nagby:

Thank you for an enlightening and educational presentation Saturday. The message and the Power Point presentation is a "grabber," and you and Pamela Miller approach this mission with compassion and energy—a compelling combination which will produce great results enlisting community participation for Family Preservation Court.

At all levels, the League advocates the safety, welfare and education of children. Delegates to the 1994 national convention of League of Women Voters of the United States adopted an Early Intervention for Children at Risk position. This was followed in 1997 by the League of Women Voters of California position on Juvenile Justice/ Dependency.

Based on those positions, this letter is an endorsement by the League of Women Voters of Southwest Riverside County for Family Preservation Court, a program centered on quicker intervention, collaborative agency and community involvement, and rebuilding family structures prioritizing the needs of children. We highly commend this effort and applaud the foresight of the Commission to set in place innovative solutions that address adverse effects to family units, including the growing number caught up in substance abuse and neglect.

Extend our appreciation to Ms. Miller, the Commission and staff for providing the opportunity to glimpse inside the judicial system on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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